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ICE DEPORTS 39 CRIMINAL ALIENS FROM PHILADELPHIA

-- A total of 64 aliens removed last week by ICE in Philadelphia --

PHILADELPHIA — In the past week, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers here have deported 39 criminal aliens whose convictions for various crimes made them amenable to immediate removal from the United States under the Immigration and Nationality Act. An additional 25 non-criminal illegal aliens were also removed.

The 39 criminal aliens had convictions for crimes that included possession of illegal drugs, sale of illegal drugs, forgery, possession of forged instruments, possession of a weapon, possession of stolen property, aggravated assault, assault, intimidation, burglary, making fraudulent and false statements, and resisting arrest.

Among the criminal aliens removed were:

- Errol Gordon, a citizen of the Dominican Republic previously convicted of aggravated assault and receiving stolen property who was found deportable by an immigration judge in York, Pa.
- Martin Lobaton-Mazuelos, a citizen of Peru convicted of stalking an elderly woman in Long Beach, N.Y. and was suspected of stalking other elderly women.

ICE Field Office Director Thomas Decker, who leads the Philadelphia detention and removal office said, "ICE's highest priorities is the removal of criminal aliens who endanger our communities and threaten our public safety and national security."

Those deported were citizens of one of either Singapore, Jamaica, Lebanon, Guyana, Guatemala, Honduras, Ecuador, Senegal, Trinidad, the Philippines, Turkey, Dominica, Colombia, Peru, El Salvador, Mexico, or Indonesia.

ICE's detention and removal officers nationwide deport aliens who have been ordered out of the United States by federal immigration judges. Additionally, fugitive operations unit officers locate, arrest and deport alien absconders who have ignored the orders of judges and fled to avoid deportation.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2004, ICE's Detention and Removal Operations (DRO) removed from the United States a record number of individuals and apprehended thousands of fugitive aliens with final order of removals. DRO officers removed 160,000 aliens from the United States including over 85,000 aliens with criminal records.

As of April 30, 2005, DRO removed over 75,510 aliens, of which 45,138 were criminal aliens.

ICE's Philadelphia deportation office removed 3,516 aliens during Fiscal Year '04, including 2,441 criminal aliens. In the first three months of Fiscal Year '05, the office deported more than 738 illegal aliens, including 609 criminals.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities